

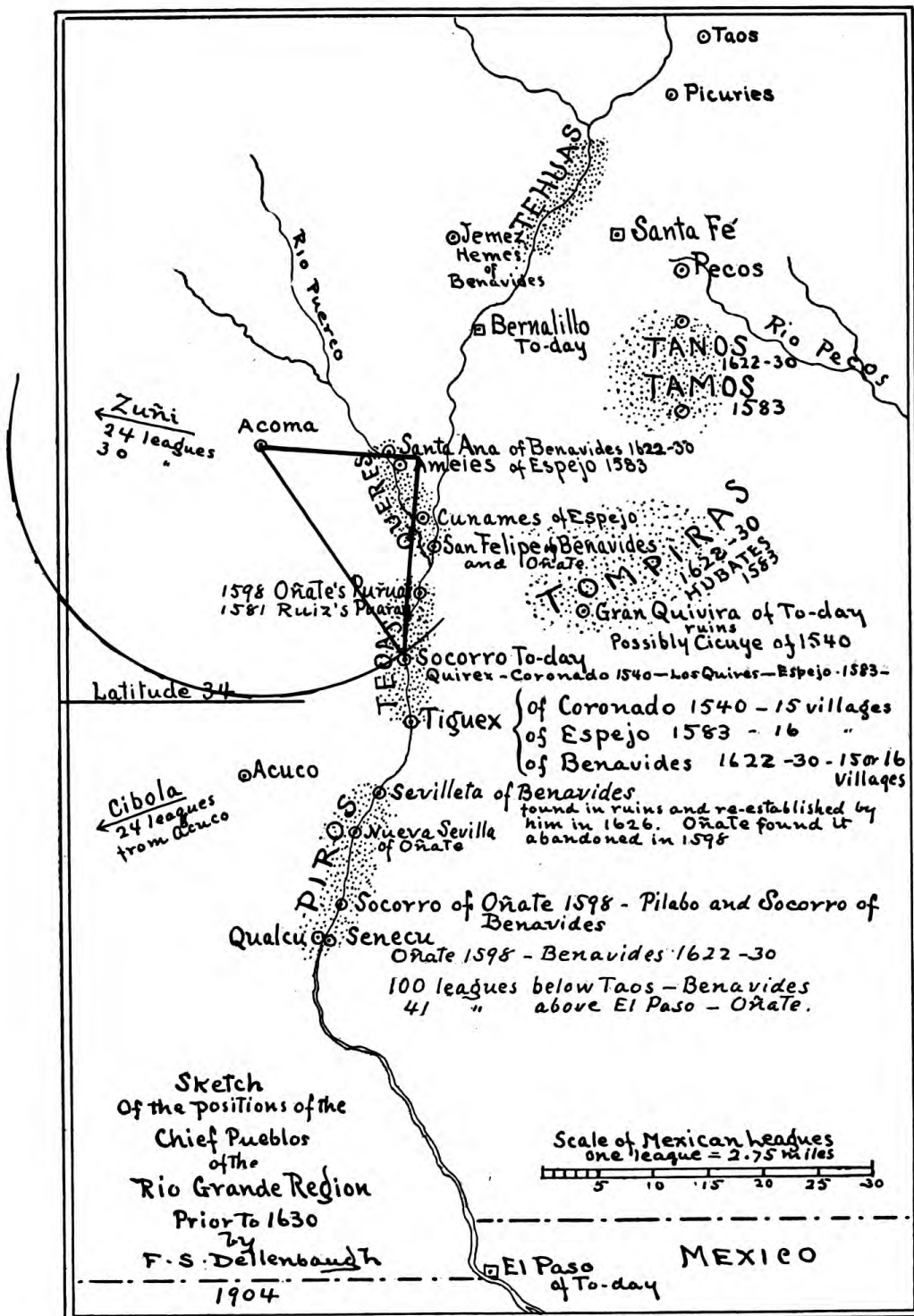
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#### New Mexico, 1540 to 1630.

This map is the result of more than ten years' study of the subject. It is entirely at variance with the locations as accepted by students and writers up to the present. Tiguer heretofore has been placed at Bernalillo, whereas it was far south of that point, as shown above.

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CORONADO, in 1540, went from Cibola to the Rio Grande at Tuhaco. On up the river he came to Tiguex. Seven leagues farther up the river he reached Quirex.

ESPEJO, in 1583, went up the Rio Grande from Mexico and reached Tiguas. Six leagues farther up the river he came to Quires. Fourteen leagues on up the valley was Cunames, and five leagues farther was Ameies, which was *fifteen leagues east of Acoma*. It is perfectly clear from this that Tiguas was southeast of Acoma. Espejo also says that Quires was southeast of Acoma, and, as Tiguas was south of Quires, the proof that Tiguas (evidently the same as Coronado's Tiguex) was southeast of Acoma seems positive. Modern writers place it *northeast* of Acoma, at the present Bernalillo.

OÑATE, in 1598, went up the Rio Grande. The first villages he reached were forty-one leagues above a point identified with the present El Paso. The name of one of these was Qualacu.

BENAVIDES spent about seven years in the Rio Grande region of New Mexico prior to 1630. He was in charge of the church missions. He was a very intelligent man, and it is proper to regard his statements as fairly accurate. He says the first villages coming up the river from Mexico were one hundred leagues south of Taos. They were Qualcu and Senecu. This is apparently the same point at which Oñate placed his first villages forty-one leagues above El Paso. Fifteen leagues up the river from Senecu was Sevilleta. Then there was a blank of seven leagues. Then came the Teoas villages, evidently identical with the Tiguex of Coronado and the Tiguas of Espejo. These villages extended up the river from the first one, twelve or fifteen leagues. Then came an interval of four leagues to the next village up the river, San Felipe, which appears to be the same as the town mentioned by Oñate. From San Felipe it was about eleven leagues to Santa Ana, the location of which is more easily fixed because it was about *twelve leagues east of Acoma*. Thus Santa Ana and the Ameies of Espejo seem to have been very near together. Tiguex, therefore, was *down the river* from a point twelve or fifteen leagues east of Acoma. Consequently the site assigned to it by modern writers at Bernalillo is not correct.

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